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Dear reviewer:

As the Responsible Official, I, Ted McArthur, signed a decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) on June 26, 2017 approving the South Fork Tributary Habitat Enhancement Project. I selected alternative 2 that will provide the following benefits to Coho salmon and other salmonids: (1) increase summer and winter rearing habitat; (2) enhance spawning gravels; (3) provide for a wide range of habitat heterogeneity for juvenile and adult salmonids; and (4) increase stream flow residence time and improve surface water and groundwater interaction.

On November 8, 2016, the proposal was mailed to nearby landowners or claim owners, four tribes, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, Siskiyou County, and to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for a 30-day public scoping/comment period. One public comment was received during the combined scoping/comment period, the comment letter was in support of the project. As a result it was my decision to issue a DN/FONSI without a prior objection filing period.

This project area includes installation of 25 wood instream structures within 19 sites in Knownothing and Methodist Creeks over 3.15 miles of stream, and is located on the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest. Knownothing Creek is 3 miles upriver from the town of Forks of Salmon, California, in Siskiyou County; Methodist Creek is 6 miles upriver from Forks of Salmon. The legal description for the Knownothing Creek sites is Township (T) 10 North (N), Range (R) 8 East (E), Sections 29-31 (Humboldt Meridian) and the Methodist Creek sites is T 39N, R 12W, Sections 30 and 31 and T 38N, R 12W, Section 6 (Mt. Diablo Meridian).

The DN/FONSI, environmental assessment, and supporting documents are available on the Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=50240>.

For additional information about the project, contact the team lead Maija Meneks at mmeneks@fs.fed.us or by phone at (530)468-1272.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ted McArthur
District Ranger

